



## SELECTION POLICY

## 2023 WORLD ATHLETICS ROAD RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS: 30 SEP – 1 OCT, RIGA LATVIA

### GENERAL INFORMATION

This policy should be read in conjunction with the [Selection Panel Terms of Reference](#).

QUALIFICATION PERIODS		
Date	Event	Notes
1 April 2022 to 3 September 2023	Qualification Period for Mile and 5km only	
1 Jan 2022 to 3 September 2023	Qualification Period for Half Marathon	
IMPORTANT DATES		
3 July 2023	<a href="#">National Team Declaration Form</a>	
4 September 2023	Final selections all events	

### 1. Entry Conditions:

- 1.1 In the Half Marathon members may enter a maximum of five athletes; no more than four will be allowed to start, with three to score for the team event. Individual entries are also allowed.
- 1.2 In the 5km and Mile members may enter a maximum of three athletes per race with no more than two allowed to start. There is no team event in the 5km and Mile.
- 1.3 Only athletes who are at least 18 years of age on 31 December 2023 (born in 2005 or earlier) may compete in the World Athletics Road Running Championships.
- 1.4 All performances must be achieved during competitions organised and/or authorised by World Athletics, its Area Associations or its National Member Federations. Thus, results achieved at University or Schools competitions must be certified by the National Federation of the Country in which the competition was organized.

### 2. SELECTION PHILOSOPHY:

- 2.1 Athletics Ireland has established the Selection Criteria consistent with its High Performance vision of “more athletes winning on the world stage”, while simultaneously acknowledging the role of the World Athletics Road Running Championships as a qualification opportunity for major championships including the 2024 European Championships and 2024 Olympic Games.

### 3. SELECTION PROCESS:

#### Participation Criteria

- 3.1 Nothing in this Policy obliges Athletics Ireland to select any athlete in this event regardless of World Athletics Entry Rules or the qualification standards. Athletics Ireland will select its Team and/or Individuals according to the criteria set out in this Policy as allowed by World Athletics Entry Rules. **Achieving a Performance Standard gives no right or guarantee of selection.**

#### Eligibility

- 3.2 In order to be eligible for selection all athletes must:
  - 3.2.1 Fill out a [National Team Declaration Form \(NTDF\)](#) on the High Performance section of the Athletics Ireland website.
  - 3.2.2 Satisfy all World Athletics, eligibility, nationality and world championship participation rules.
  - 3.2.3 Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
  - 3.2.4 Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

## Performance Standards

**3.3** Athletics Ireland has set its own Performance Standards for the purposes of this Selection Policy. Only World Athletics recognised performances will be accepted. Athletics Ireland's Performance Standards for the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championships are set out in Clause 5.

## Qualification Period

**3.4** Athletics Ireland has set its own period in which the Performance Standards must be achieved. Selection will be based on the performances during the period of:

- For Mile and 5km from 1 April 2022 to 3 September 2023.
- For Half Marathon from 1 January 2022 to 3 September 2023.

## General Selection Criteria

**3.5** The Selection Panel may "exercise their sole discretion" to select an athlete(s) or team that meets with the eligibility and entry rules of the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championships and as stipulated in this Selection Policy.

**3.5.1** The Selection Panel may use their sole and overriding discretion to consider any factor or combination of factors that, in their opinion, are relevant to the selection of an athlete, including, but not necessarily limited to the following general principles:

- A. Consistency and Repeatability** of performances (in all or any events) during the qualification period, achieving the performance standard and showing current form and fitness
- B. Statistical data** (ranking/performance list, performance-time curves, course ratings, altitude/wind adjustments)
- C. Championship performance history**, in particular, the history of the athlete's on-demand performances at major championships
- D.** The competitive **head to head record** of each athlete
- E. Injury and illness** history

**3.6** Where there are more athletes that have achieved the selection criteria in this policy beyond the maximum entry limit in any one event, the Selectors will have sole discretion to decide which of the athlete(s) is to be selected.

## Individual Selection Criteria

**3.7** For an individual athlete to be considered for selection to the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championships an athlete must achieve a Performance Standard (Section 3.3) within the Performance Period (Section 3.4).

**3.8.** Athletes will only be considered for selection if they have demonstrated current form by achieving a competition result (at a relevant distance) at a performance level commensurate with the Performance Standards between 1 June 2023 and 3 September 2023.

## After Selection

**3.9** For the purposes of clarity, it is the intended operation of this Policy that **all selections in the Team remain conditional** up to and through the championships given the athlete shows form and fitness.

**3.9.1** Failure by a selected athlete to show form and fitness prior to the Championships will, at the discretion of the Selectors, High Performance Director and/or National Endurance Coordinator, result in an athlete who has been initially selected to the team being withdrawn.

**3.10** An athlete who enters the Athletics Ireland Team Camp and/or the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championship village will be subject to an injury evaluation/assessment by the championship Team Management staff. The injury evaluation/assessment will be carried out by Athletics Ireland's Physio (or appointed Team Physio).

**3.10.1** If as a result of such injury evaluation/assessment the Team Physio, Team Management staff, and Team Leader/Manager considers an athlete does not have the standard of fitness or is otherwise not in condition to compete due to injury at a level appropriate to the event(s) for which they have been selected, the Team Leader/Manager, in consultation with High Performance Director, will have the discretion to withdraw the athlete from the competition.

**3.11** An athlete who is found to have breached any Athletics Ireland, World Athletics, LOC or other relevant code of conduct, may be withdrawn from the competition at the sole discretion of the Team Leader/Manager.

### Selectors Meeting

**3.12** The Selection Panel members and the [Selectors Terms of Reference can be found here](#).

**3.12.1** Final selections will be on **4 September 2023**.

### Selection Queries

**3.13** Athletes can seek clarification regarding selection policy from the [Athletics Ireland Performance Director](#) or [National Endurance Coordinator](#).

### Non-Selection Appeals Process

**3.14** The publishing of selected athletes (Selection Announcement) on Athletics Ireland website after a selection meeting will be **deemed the commencement of the 24-hour period to lodge non-Selection Appeals** in accord with this Selection Policy.

**3.15** Any athlete who is not selected in accordance with this Selection Policy may appeal their non-selection to Athletics Ireland providing they:

**3.15.1** Have submitted an NTDF in accordance with timelines contained in this Selection Policy and;

**3.15.2** Submit a notice of their intention to appeal their non-selection via online [Notice of Appeals Form](#) within 24 hours of the selection decision published on the Athletics Ireland website (i.e. the Selection Announcement). The Notice of Appeal Form is submitted to the Chair of the Appeals Panel and the CEO of Athletics Ireland.

**3.16** The [Selection Appeals Procedure](#) can be found on the HP section of Athletics Ireland website.

**3.17** The Grounds upon which a Selection decision may be appealed are limited to the following:

**3.17.1** There has been an alleged failure by Selection Panel to follow or apply the relevant Selection Procedure and/or criteria set out in the Selection Policy, and/or

**3.17.2** The decision for selection for the championship has been reached based on an error of fact.

## 4. [GENERAL INFORMATION:](#)

**4.1** The criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics Ireland, if Athletics Ireland believes such amendment is necessary in the best interests of Athletics Ireland or because of any change in World Athletics participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics Ireland website.

### Meet Information

**4.2** The number of accreditations authorized per team is limited overall to the number of participating athletes. Team Support Staff will be accredited on this basis and informed after the team selections.

**4.3** Selected athletes' personal coaches/family outside of the selected "Official Irish Team" will be responsible for their own travel, accommodations, tickets, and accreditations for the 2023 World Athletics Road Running Championship.

## 5. [PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:](#)

Men's Standards	Event	Women's Standards
3:38.50 (1500m) / 3:54.50 (Mile)	<b>Mile</b>	4:08.50 (1500m) / 4:28.00 (Mile)
13:25.00 (5000m) / 13:25 (5km Road)	<b>5km</b>	15:28.00 (5000m) / 15:28 (5km Road)
1:03:30 (Half Marathon) / 2:12:45 (Marathon)	<b>Half Marathon</b>	1:12:45 (Half Marathon) / 2:32:00 (Marathon)